

## ANTIS MAKE BIG GAINS IN EAST

Writer Asserts State Bodies Are Growing at Rate of 1,000 a Month.

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"Votes" Adherents Said to Be Allied with Feminists and Socialists for Exploitation of "Infamous Doctrines."

The State convention of the Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, held in Harrisburg, April 20, is the second demonstration by women to the voters of Pennsylvania that the cause of the women of this State, and of the country at large, do not want the burden of the ballot thrust upon them.

The first thing shown by the convention was the remarkable growth of the organization during the last year. The entire organization had 4,000 members a year ago, while gains are now being made at the rate of 1,000 a month in many States, and in a few, as many as 2,000 names are added each month. It is expected that the national association will soon number 50,000.

In Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia and New York, substantial gains have been made, not only in point of the number of members enrolled, but in forming favorable public opinion by organization through its educational work. In New Jersey, it is planned to open sixty new branches of that State's association in the near future. The association will be represented at every county fair held throughout New Jersey.

**Anti-Hold Maryland.**  
In Maryland the opposition to woman suffrage gained the victory in the legislature, and temporarily there is no need of further organization work there. Three equal suffrage bills presented to the Maryland legislature were defeated, and the issue is quashed for the time being.

Before the last election suffragists threatened all Democratic candidates with defeat at the polls because a Democratic legislature failed to pass the suffrage bill. Two-thirds of this legislature were Democrats, and astute observers of Maryland politics assert that they won because they were backed by public opinion.

In the District of Columbia the anti-suffragists are strongly organized, but the fact that one-third of the population is colored and one-third employed by the government makes further gains difficult. The District association is in a favorable situation at the center of national affairs, is called upon by many organizations and educational institutions throughout the country for information on the suffrage question.

In New York, the active opposition of the feminists, with all the revolting socialist doctrines they preach, is driving many persons away from the anti-suffrage cause. During the summer headquarters to get literature that intelligently expresses the reasons underlying the natural feelings of resentment with which both men and women look upon feminism, the nation and the suffrage and feminism has been abundantly proved. Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, an acknowledged leader of feminism, has been awarded the highest marks of suffrage favor, the seven stars, which they use in their official literature to commend books and pamphlets to be most representative of the cause. Some of the anti-suffragists exploited slogans are that the home is no more, holy than the postoffice; that when a child is well, a nurse is as good as the mother, and when the child is sick, the nurse is better. Also, she claims, the increase of divorces and delicatessen are milestones in human progress.

**"Infamous Doctrines."**  
The "denatured domesticity" advocated by feminists, would have us all live in communal houses, where activities would be pursued in a common dining-rooms and halls, and where the babies, if necessary, could be kept in the basement. It is to be presumed that communal husbands and wives would follow as a matter of course, and even this is thought by feminists to be desirable.

Is there any wonder why decent men and women to the country are inflamed with indignation against a political agitation that is backed by and backing such infamous doctrines as these? Feminism is nothing more than a destructive theory gone wild; an outcome of the mental bias produced in partly developed minds by the teachings of Socialism.

The suffragists cannot escape responsibility for either feminism or Socialism so long as they are willing to carry and condone these monstrous children of anarchy and envy on both shoulders. A man in Cincinnati recently pointed to the waving Stars and Stripes and said: "Well, it won't be long before we will pull that rag of Rockefeller and Morgan down by the votes of women and raise the red flag in its place."

If Socialists believe that the suffragists are going to help them attain the cooperative commonwealth, their faith is founded on positive knowledge or else the suffragists are duping and fooling them. If the latter, and some of the timid suffragists do claim this, they are practicing as a means to an end, duplicity and political trickery that conclusively proves their unfitness to take any part in a government founded on ideals of honor and democracy.

An advertisement state shown at the convention, showing that suffragists are not above taking advantage of the receding prominence of indecent literature, to exploit a sex problem of mistaken duty, as condemned by Anthony Comstock, of the New York Society for the Prevention of Vice. This book, by Mrs. Pankhurst, is advertised by suffrage organizations, not as instructive or elevating, but merely as having been suppressed by Mr. Comstock.

**New Thorn to Suffrage.**

In New York, the formation of the Wage-Earners Anti-Suffrage League of 4,000 members, has become a thorn in the suffrage side. So popular has the opposition become with wage-earning women, that some of the officers of the association now have most of their time taken up by answering calls from labor organizations to address them on this subject.

Many of the arguments for suffrage were reviewed and answered by speakers at the convention. First, the time honored "taxation without representation" theory was examined. It was pointed out that the ballot has nothing to do with property holding; that minors who own property are not permitted to vote, while men who own their own souls are considered efficient voters. Furthermore, in this country, only ten per cent of the women hold property. Contrary to the general belief that all these women are being unjustly taxed, it appears that more than half their number are holding property in order to escape the payment of their husbands' just debts. Does any one believe, even if we were to allow that taxation has anything to do with voting, that 5 per cent of the women must bear an additional burden merely because the other 5 per cent pay taxes? Cannot the 5 per

cent trust their destinies in the hands of men as well as the rest of us? It is untrue that the most criticized male, with his "man-made law," has been unwilling or slow to give woman her rights as a citizen. The most superior in some States and not inferior in any of the male suffrage States to his own. In industry, marriage, and judicial procedure, he has protected and protected woman far more than she can expect from her own sex if the Amazons of the ballot get into power.

**Forced to Retreat.**

The suffragists have been forced, bit by bit, to withdraw from every stronghold. Now they ask the ballot as a "human right," to be given them as a toy, no matter how they see fit to use it. Their attitude is somewhat similar to that of a college professor who would do any good, but he would like to see how it would work, anyhow. And to pose simply as "human beings," the suffragists must actually deny as "human beings." These "rights," they insist, begin with a title to the ballot, then proceed throughout the entire gamut of "freedom" as individuals, until woman is made identical equal with man in every respect. Here is where feminism and socialism rear their dragon heads above the "votes for women" issue. Feminism, analyzed, teaches that the female citizen, the nation, and the state, should be as bold and as bad as any man, if she so desires.

What would become of civilization if the potential mothers of the race, always inferior physically to men by their very nature, were subjected to the same great muscular strains, prolonged hours of toil, dangerous occupations and hardships as men can bear? What, in addition, would become of the most sacred relationship, that of mother and child, if the mother is asked to do a man's work, at the same time being asked to educate the coming generation? No woman, human being or Amazon, can do justice to both these duties, which the experience of sixty centuries has divided between man and woman.

If women are to be degraded by feminism, inoculated by socialism, and "freed" from the protection which they must have, the most harmful to civilization will go on to posterity. Women have no "right as human beings" to vote against the future of the human race. It is a question of good or evil to the family, the nation, and the race, and the majority of men will stand with the majority of men in defending the good of humanity against the evil of woman suffrage.

**SUFFRAGE BOOM GROWS IN SOUTH**  
Congressional Committee Receives Reports from May 2 Demonstrations.

**FIRST PARADE IS GIVEN**  
Mass Meetings from All Parts of the Country Indorse National Resolution in Congress.

Hearty support of the National Woman Suffrage Association was given by Southern States at the nation-wide demonstration May 2. Ample evidence of that fact is being received daily at the headquarters of the national Congressional committee.

Probably the most striking illustration of this comes from Nashville, Tenn. Advocates of suffrage write from there that on May 2 the first procession of women suffragists in a Southern State was held there, and that the day was a triumph. A great mass meeting followed the procession, which was attended by more than 2,000 people, with a liberal attendance of men.

**Adopt National Resolution.**  
A resolution was passed supporting the National American Woman Suffrage Association and asking Congress to proceed with suffrage legislation in the most feasible and practical manner. This is called the "national" resolution, in distinction to that called for by the Congressional Union, which endorses only the Bristow-Mondell amendment.

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Harrisburg, Pa., Session Addressed by Speakers Who Upset Arguments of Votes for Women.

The first anti-suffrage convention held in this country took place at Harrisburg, Pa., last week. About 300 women participated in the two sessions. It was a delegate convention, and was representative of the women who have volunteered for anti-suffrage. There was no bombast of action or speech, no brass band or banners flying, no freak advertising, and no Jack-in-the-box methods. The women came, some traveling all day to get there, and some traveling all night to get back to their duties on the day after, and Harrisburg was not in the least disturbed in its daily routine of traffic by the women who came and went. It was not an event for Harrisburg, but it was an epoch in anti-suffragism, and that convention was the bugle call which announced to the country that the anti-suffrage movement was no longer a movement in the race for American womanhood.

Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the national association, presided, owing to the enforced absence of Mrs. Horace Broderick, president of the Pennsylvania State Association. Nearly every phase of the anti-suffrage work was expressed. Splendid reports from Massachusetts, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, District of Columbia, and different counties and districts throughout Pennsylvania were given, showing the rapid development of branch organizations which are constantly being formed.

**All Kinds Are Joining.**  
Indifferent women are daily joining the anti-suffrage ranks. One very pertinent illustration was cited by Mrs. Oliphant, of New Jersey. After some time was spent by New Jersey headquarters to start an association at Perth Amboy, at least six women were persuaded to hold a parlor meeting. They called together thirty-four women friends who were indifferent on the subject and two suffragists. Speakers were sent down to address them. The result was that the thirty-four who were on the fence enrolled as members, and the two suffragists were converted, and they are growing daily in the work.

Mrs. David Kirk of Pittsburgh, gave a most excellent talk on study classes, which are becoming a potent factor in the education of women on the question of suffrage. Mrs. Kirk has a class of about 300 women, and she considers it the very best way to inform women on this issue of the day. All kinds of data are discussed and the very best authorities on both sides are consulted and analyzed. The women are taught how to express their ideas and suggestions in the best possible way, even to good articulation. Mrs. Frank Goodwin, of New York, also gave a resume of the state of classes there, and reports were read of the Massachusetts work along these lines.

One of the most interesting talks was given by Mrs. Louis Pollett, a farmer's daughter and a farmer's wife, who is one of the progressive centers through which the farmer and his family obtain everything and more than the suffragists say the ballot will give. Her viewpoint is that the farmer and his family are splendid, and yet to shame the lack of confidence which the suffragist displays at every turn. In her remarks she asks the suffragist why she will let her boy or husband go to war to defend his country and his family at the risk of his life, and have perfect faith in whatever he may do, but refuse to trust him with the ballot. Is she so afraid of the man whom she herself has trained to manhood that he will fall her and be unwilling to protect her interests when it comes to voting?

**Evening Session.**  
The evening was devoted to addresses, which were enthusiastically received by the most attentive audience of men and women. Miss Emmeline Pitt, editor of the National Metal Trades Review and former secretary of the Iron City Central Trades Council of Pittsburgh, discussed the attitude of the wage-earning woman toward equal suffrage. In Allegheny County among 3,265 working women, only 26, she found, were suffragists, and 17 of those socialists.

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